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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. attached.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DOUGLAS Q. TRAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,195,694 B1).

As to claim 8, Chen teaches a server for reconfiguring control of a subset of devices on one or more kiosks, a server system (fig. 1) used to process image data (images from input/output devices 130 which reads on the claimed “an image data management system”), comprises:

a plurality of printing stations (i.e., several kiosks 100) with functions to read digital image data (i.e., fax data), to print the data (API functions 680 invokes laser printer) by performing necessary image processing (fig. 6) and to transmit or receive the image data (fig. 1 and col. 15, lines 16-25 and col. 17, lines 28-32);

a management system (i.e., a server 195 in fig. 1) connected to each kiosk (100) via a network (150) and used for identifying reconfiguration application files of each kiosk (100) and for distributing application files to each kiosk (col. 6, lines 20-29);

a server (i.e., a proxy server 195 A in fig. 1) for transmitting the fax data from each kiosk (100) to server (195), to a database and for storing the fax data (col. 19, lines 24-40);

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wherein the plurality of printing stations further comprises:

a currency processing unit (i.e., one of input/output devices such as a cash dispenser 130 in fig. 1), wherein the currency processing unit identifies currency inserted into the system, processes a cost to be charged to a client, and returns currency to the client (a cash dispenser disclosed on col. 4, lines 42-45, where inherently one would recognize that the appropriate currency is returned to the user based on the fees and actual amount rendered by the user of the kiosk).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Narayan et al. (US Patent No. 6,035,323) and further in view of Kohda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,806 B1).

As to claim 15, Narayan teaches an image data management system (103 in fig. 2), comprising:

a plurality of printing stations (i.e., the client computer systems 121, 125, 135, 137 in fig. 2) with functions to read digital image data (201 in fig. 4, col. 6, lines 30-34), to print the data by performing necessary image processing (it is noted that any computer system, which be considered as a printing system, has the ability of performing the printing the image data "col. 1,

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line 38 and col. 5, lines 51-52”) and to transmit or receive image data (i.e., a modem 123 among of the modems and LAN bus enables to transmit or receive image data);

a management system (i.e., the Internet service providers ISPs 105,107 and the Web Server 109 in fig. 2, col. 4, lines 34-36) connected to each printing system (i.e., 121 in fig. 2) via a network (i.e., the Internet 103 in fig. 2) and used for identifying management data of each printing station (col. 4, lines 27-32 and step of 281 in fig. 7 describes that TCP/IP and HTTP protocols used in the Internet with providers ISP for connecting to each client and receiving the image data from each client. Thus, the management system such as ISPs and the Web server 109 would be used for identifying management data) and for distributing necessary data to each printing station (col. 4, lines 34-43); and

a server (111 in fig. 2) for turning the image data, being transmitted from each printing station to the management system, to a database (110 in fig. 2) and for storing the data (col. 4, lines 54-57).

Narayan discloses where attribute information comprises a name, as exhibited in Fig. 11. However, Narayan fails to specifically disclose where the attribute information further comprises an age, an occupation, an address and a telephone number of a user. However, the examiner maintains that providing such attribute information in a computer system was well known, as taught by Kohda.

In a similar field of endeavor, Kohda discloses an apparatus and method for providing information about two-way computer communication services. Kohda further discloses where attribute information of a user of a computer system comprises an age, an occupation, an address and a telephone number (col. 9, lines 34-52 and col. 7, lines 22-35).

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Therefore, It would have been obvious to modify Narayen by providing the additional attribute information, as taught by Kohda for the purpose of alleviating potential misidentification of users based on similar attribute information.

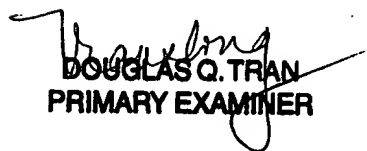
Conclusion

5. Upon further consideration, a **new ground(s) of rejection** to claims 8 and 15 is made in view of Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,195,694 B1) and Kohda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,806 B1). This action is made **non-final**.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas Q. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-4857 or E-mail address is Douglas.tran@uspto.gov.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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